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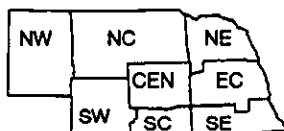
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WEATHER

The week was warm, mild and dry. Temperatures averaged from 14 degrees above normal in the Panhandle up to 21 degrees above normal over the remainder of the State. Only trace amounts of precipitation occurred in the eastern half of the State.

GENERAL

January moisture came mostly in the form of rainfall with most absorbed into the soil profile, according to the Nebraska Agricultural Statistics Service. Fieldwork activities remained very limited due to wet surface conditions in many areas. While some reporters indicate short subsoil moisture supplies, others are finding adequate moisture well into the soil profile. Most reports indicated that farm-stored grains were "storing well." With the above normal temperatures during January, some farm operators have needed to run dryer fans to remove accumulated moisture from tops of grain piles in storage bins. Main activities included record keeping and planning for 1992, livestock care, moving hay and grain, farmstead and equipment maintenance, and routine chores.

CROPS

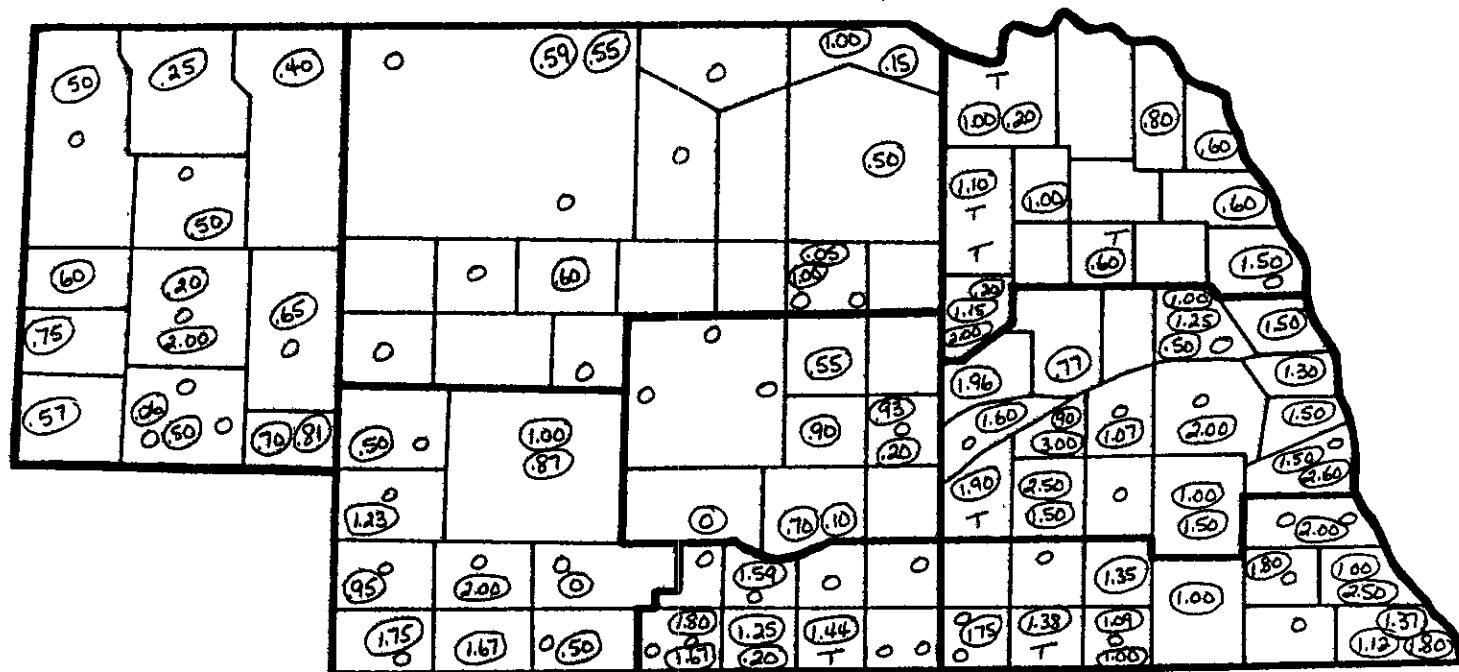
Winter wheat condition was rated at 2% very poor, 13% poor, 54% fair, 27% good, and 4% excellent. The lack of snow cover on the wheat crop continued to be a source of concern, and with the above normal temperatures during January, these conditions could bring some wheat out of dormancy and expose it to potential winter kill if colder weather becomes a reality yet this winter. Otherwise, moisture received this past month has improved the producers' outlook.

LIVESTOCK

With the open weather thus far this winter, cattle have been able to better use winter grazing and grain stalks. Feed lots have been muddy most of the month with some drying out coming the last week to ten days. Calving and lambing activities have begun across the State with calving at 5% complete with minimal losses. Cattle condition was rated at 9% fair, 74% good, and 17% excellent.

SUPPLIES OF FEED GRAINS AND HAY & FORAGE AS OF JANUARY 31, 1992	AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS DISTRICTS								STATE	LAST REPORT
	NW	NC	NE	C	EC	SW	SC	SE		
Feed Grains - Short	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	13	1	1
(Percent) - Adequate	88	100	69	71	86	90	89	87	87	73
- Surplus	12	0	31	29	14	10	11	0	12	26
Hay and Forage - Short	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	25	3	3
(Percent) - Adequate	47	72	85	93	91	70	70	75	74	62
- Surplus	53	28	15	7	9	30	20	0	23	35

PRECIPITATION MAP FOR WEEK ENDING FRIDAY, JANUARY 31, 1992



Circled numbers are unofficial amounts reported for the month of January.

TEMPERATURE AND PRECIPITATION DATA FOR WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 1992

Station	Temperature				Precipitation
	Extremes		Mean	Departure	Total Inches 1/
	Max	Min			
NW Chadron	65	21	42	---	0
Scottsbluff	65	16	40	+14	0
Sidney	65	20	41	---	0
NC Valentine	72	20	41	+21	0
NE Norfolk	66	17	40	+21	T
Sioux City	65	16	38	+20	T
CEN Grand Island	73	22	43	+21	0
Ord	73	21	42	---	0
EC Lincoln	68	23	41	+20	T
Omaha	66	22	39	+19	T
SW Imperial	64	18	40	---	0
North Platte	67	19	41	+18	0

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